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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket No.: 2551-026

Douglas M. BLAIR

Appln. No.: 09/881,234

Group Art Unit: 1631

Filing Date: June 14, 2001

Examiner: Smith, C.

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING SEQUENCE DATABASE
COMPARISON**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Response to the Office Action of June 30, 2004;
2. Information Disclosure Statement (with 6 references); and
3. Petition for Extension of Time, including check for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) of \$55.00. This reply is timely filed on November 1, 2004 as being filed on the next business day since the due date of October 30, 2004 fell on a Saturday.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1579. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1579 for any future fees connected in any way to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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